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## **Division of Workers' Compensation to hold public forums on return-to-work data**

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) will conduct two public forums to provide information and answer questions on recently released return-to-work rate information for permanently disabled workers. The division's analysis shows a more than five percent average increase in return-to-work rates for workers injured between Jan. 1, 2005 and Jun. 30, 2005, in comparison to workers injured prior to Jan. 1, 2005. For more information on the data, please visit the division's Web site at

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/ReturnToWorkRates/ReturnToWorkRates.htm>.

Interested parties are invited to attend the forums to hear information on the data analysis, ask questions, make comments on the permanent disability rating schedule (PDRS) and discuss upcoming further analysis of the PDRS. The public forums on the return-to-work data will be held:

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007 - Los Angeles

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Junipero Serra State Building auditorium

320 West 4th Street

Los Angeles, CA 90013

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007 - San Francisco

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Milton Marks Conference Center auditorium

455 Golden Gate Avenue, lower level

San Francisco, CA 94102

To assist the division in its preparation for the public forum, the return-to-work data analysis is posted in the DWC online forum at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/WCJudicial.htm>. Members of the public may post questions or comments at this online location until Feb. 20.

At the public forums the DWC panel will present the data analysis methodology and findings. Following the presentation there will be a 15 minute break, during which interested parties may sign up to ask questions specifically on the data analysis and/or to make general comments on

the PDRS. Specific questions on the data analysis will be taken first, followed by general comments on the PDRS.

To provide everyone a chance to speak, a moderator will limit the questions and comments to five minutes, and camera usage will only be allowed in one area of the room. Comments that exceed five minutes may be submitted in writing on site or by sending them to the DWC:

Via email at [DWCForums@dir.ca.gov](mailto:DWCForums@dir.ca.gov)

Via fax at (510) 286-7314

Via U.S. mail at:  
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Questions and comments on the return-to-work data analysis must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007.

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